a Natinal Agricultural Technology Project with assistance from World Bank;

(b) if so, the details of this project; and

(c) the schedule of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Department of Agriculture, Govt. of India are jointly preparing a National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) with World Bank assistance to:

— stgrenthen national capacity in research and extension management, policy planning, priority setting, monitoring and evaluation to meet current and emerging needs of agricultural development;

— strengthen and/or establish infrastructural and institutional supports to ensure adequate facilities for undertaking desired research and technology development activities;

— foster linkage mechanisms (i) between research, extension and client groups, (ii) between technology and development oriented departments, programme, institutions (including NGOs), (iii) between public and private sector initiatives in technology generation, assessment, refinement and transfer, and (iv) to introduce innovative means to share research and extension costs and responsibilities;

— maximize nation's capacity to effectively benefit from biotechnology and advances in other agro-biological sciences in a global context and develop first-rate international retrieval and dissemination mechanisms and systems;

— develop human resource, particularly in the frontier areas of science and technology, management skill and technology assessment; and

— formulate and initiate research and technology development based on programme and matrix approach in priority areas using systems concept so that the over all efficiency of the NARS is improved.

(c) The NATP concept paper has been accepted by the World Bank. Based on the concept, project documents are being formulated. The project is expected to be launched by June, 1996.

**Destruction of Virus Infected Shimps in Andhra Pradesh**

5636. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Rs. 300 crores worth virus infected shrimps from aquafarms in Andhra Pradesh was destroyed in 1994-95;

(b) if so, whether any assistance will be given to smaller units to offset such losses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There has been some loss of shrimp production due to disease in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh during 1994-95, the value of which is reported to be over Rs.70 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Reorientation of Agricultural Education System**

5637. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to reorient Agricultural Education System in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have

formulated schemes to introduce new Agricultural Education System in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a need to reorient the syllabus at under graduate Level to meet the emerging needs of the changing agricultural scenario.

(b) A Deans' Committee has been constituted to look into the requirements of (a) above.

(c) Does not arise.

**Production of traditional varieties of Rice**

5638. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ensure that traditional varieties of rice are grown in India;

(b) if so, the details of schemes to encourage farmers to continue cultivation of traditional rice varieties;

(c) whether any funds are available for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal to ensure that only traditional varieties of rice are grown on commercial scale, other than to ensure the conservation of such genetic stock of traditional rice varieties on a systematic way so as to be useful for future breeding programmes.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

**Criteria for the Allotment of Houses to Fishermen**

5639. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the allotment of houses to the families of fishermen under the Scheme of Model Fishermen Village; and

(b) the target under the scheme of 'fishermen village' for the year 1995-96, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme has three components, one of which is 'Development of Model Fishermen's Village', under which there is provision for construction of houses for the fishermen. The allotment of houses to the fishermen under this component has been left to the concerned State Government. Under the scheme, the annual target is fixed in terms of number of villages to be developed in the Country and no State-wise targets are fixed. The target for 1995-96 is for development of 26 Model Fishermen's Villages.

**बागवानी के विकास हेतु भूमि का सर्वेक्षण**

5640. **श्री नरेश यादव:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों से बेरोजगारी समाप्त करने और उन क्षेत्रों का विकास करने के लिए बागवानी योग्य कुल भू-क्षेत्र का कोई सर्वेक्षण कराने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?